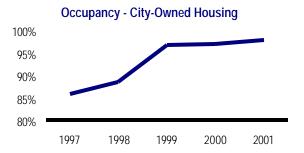
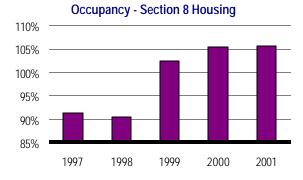
Health and Housing Services

The City administers public housing, rent and utility assistance, home ownership and home rehabilitation programs. Health services include both home and clinic based preventive personal health services; regulatory oversight and inspection of food establishments; investigation of neighborhood public health issues; animal control; monitoring of air and water quality; and enforcement of environmental codes and ordinances including collection and disposal of hazardous materials. The administration of two trusts dedicated to remediation of groundwater contamination is a component of health and housing services, as well as the administration and enforcement of codes and ordinances related to building construction, zoning, and regulatory licensing.

Housing Services. The key measure for performance in housing assistance is occupancy. Higher occupancy rates indicate that service dollars are targeted toward residents in need in the most efficient manner possible. The Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) owns and operates low-income housing properties throughout the City. This graph shows occupancy rates for City-owned public housing.

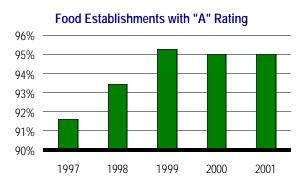


WHA also operates the Section 8 programs, which provide rent assistance to low-income residents in housing owned by participating landlords. For these programs, "occupancy" is defined as the number of clients relative to program targets set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is the Federal agency funding the programs. In this case, occupancy numbers greater than 100% are possible, and indicate that HUD targets were exceeded.



Environmental Health. The Environmental Health Division protects the public health and environment by enforcing environmental and safety codes. One of the most visible and direct examples of such service is the Food Protection program, which seeks to ensure that area food service providers maintain a safe and hygienic operation, thus minimizing the threat of food-

borne illness or contamination. This is done through enforcement of State and local codes, and through classes on food safety provided to area food handlers. The program helps to ensure that area food establishments are safe and clean places to eat.



Preventive Health. The Preventive Health Services Division provides a wide variety of clinic- and home-based health services to citizens. Many of the services focus on providing health and nutrition services to expectant and recently delivered mothers and young children. While many factors may come into play, one of the key measures of success in these programs is birth weight; higher birth weight usually indicates better infant health. The following chart shows the percentage of babies of high birth weight (over 5.5 lbs.) born to clients of the Prenatal Clinic.

Prenatal Clinic - High Birth Weight Babies

